

Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bakersfield Field Office is requesting funds to enhance its Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enforcement program for the fiscal year of 2011/2012. The funding received from the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, will allow BLM Law Enforcement Officers to more effectively patrol OHV recreation areas within the administrative boundary and provide continued support for neighboring field offices. The OHV enforcement program focuses on providing guidance to the recreating public on California OHV regulations and specific management allocations of the BLM in order to provide a safe and positive recreational experience that benefits both the individuals involved in OHV activities, the community, local economy and environment as a whole.

The Bakersfield Field Office OHV enforcement program focuses on OHV activities on designated routes and trails across the Field Office, as provide for in the 1997 Caliente Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the 1984 Hollister RMP for lands that have since been adjusted into the Bakersfield administrative area. The Field Office manages a total of approximately 609,268 acres; this includes approximately 246,852 acres managed as the Carrizo National Monument. Of the total acreage, 257,437 acres are available to "limited" use of OHVs. These available areas include: Keyesville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), several areas of OHV activity on existing trails south of Lake Isabella reservoir, a large tract of dispersed OHV activities west of the City of Taft and several small areas of activity on isolated parcel of public land around local communities. The Bakersfield Office Law Enforcement Officers also provides OHV related support to neighboring field offices, the United States Forest Service and the Counties that fall within the administrative boundary.

Additional funding would allow Bakersfield's OHV enforcement program to maintain equipment, dedicate additional work months for Rangers to address OHV enforcement needs, and cover some of the operational costs of the program.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Bakersfield OHV enforcement program covers approximately 257,437 acres of public land where OHV activity occurs on designated existing trails and routes. The field office currently contains no designated open areas. This total acreage is spread between 8 counties; Kern, Kings, Fresno, Tulare, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbra and Ventura, and often occurs in isolated parcels.

Keyevilles SRMA (approximately 7,000 acres) represents the field offices most developed OHV recreation area, allowing dispersed camping and providing restroom and trash services along with signed and mapped trails. Other areas include a region of the Temblor mountain range west of the City of Taft and several small areas near rural communities. The Bakersfield OHV enforcement program also provides support within the National Forests, to those Counties mentioned above and to neighboring field offices, as needed.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

OHV enforcements patrols occur frequently, often combined with other law enforcement duties as personnel is available to travel to some of the further reaches within the administrative boundary. Patrol time normally consist of ten hour duty days for four days a week. Additional patrol time is provided for holiday weekends, the busier seasons of use, special operations and as needed or requested by resource specialists.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Three (3) BLM Law Enforcement Rangers are routinely assigned to the OHV enforcement program, divided between activities in the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, San Joaquin Valley and coastal region. In addition, two Park Ranger positions have been created to provide support to law enforcement, making patrols, visitor contacts, and public education.

Occasional short law enforcement details are offered by the Field Office to supplement field personnel during busy periods and holiday weekends in the summer season.

It is estimated that each of the three law Enforcement Officers will work for four work months exclusively on the OHV enforcement program over the course of a year, to provide annual coverage of the program. The periods and locations of this commitment will vary with visitor use and the needs of the Field Office.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The field office has several areas with high priority law enforcement needs, these include but are not limited to; Keyesville Special Recreation Management area, South Lake and Cyrus Canyon areas around Lake Isabella, OHV trespass on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and into the Kiavah Wilderness area, a highly active OHV area in the Temblor Range north of the City of Taft and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. These areas are a considered a high priority due to concerns over public safety: proximity to Abandoned Mine Lands and possible user conflicts, and the potential for impacts to sensitive cultural, historic, wildlife and botanical resources.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Additional funding for the OHV enforcement program will greatly increase the BLM Law Enforcement Rangers ability to conduct highly visible patrols, which will ultimately deter potential law violations and allow enforcement officers greater access to the recreating public to provide proactive education. In addition to regular patrols the project will equip the Field Offices Rangers with the skills and tools to effectively enforce rules and regulations and minimize conflicts between both users and resources.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The BLM Bakersfield field office cooperates with many different law enforcing agencies in the course of the running the OHV enforcement program. This includes other BLM field offices, the United States Forest Service and National Park Service, along with each of the Counties within the administrative boundary. Currently formal Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with regard to OHV and other law enforcement issues are in place with Kern and Fresno counties. A MOU is in the final stages of development with San Luis Obispo and informal cooperation occurs with the each of the other Counties.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

Although Special Recreation Permits are required for privately sponsored OHV events occurring on public land, and the potential does exists for these types of event to occur within the Field Office boundary, no such permits that would require recovering a portion of the law enforcement costs are currently requested of, or issued by the Field Office.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The OHV enforcement program incorporates about 80 hours annual for training for Law Enforcement Officers. The lead Law Enforcement Officer is also a Field Training Officer for the BLMs Law Enforcement Ranger program, providing field experience for new BLM rangers entering into service. Formal training and field experience specifically address the OHV enforcement program and the general protection of the environment through many different methods. Personnel are educated and expected to become familiar with applicable local, state and federal laws. Training also includes developing additional skills, including; OHV safety and riding skill, noise regulation testing, green-sticker compliance and DUI enforcement with specific regard to OHV activities.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

Operation and maintenance needs for OHV recreation facilities are directly managed by the Bakersfield Field Office. These needs are met through deferred maintenance, general operations funds and recreation grants that provide facilities for multiple uses, from OHV activity to dispersed camping and river access.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Bakersfield Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-01-03-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bakersfield Field Office is requesting funds to enhance its Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enforcement program for the fiscal year of 2011/2012. The funding received from the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, will allow BLM Law Enforcement Officers to more effectively patrol OHV recreation areas within the administrative boundary and provide continued support for neighboring field offices. The OHV enforcement program focuses on providing guidance to the recreating public on California OHV regulations and specific management allocations of the BLM in order to provide a safe and positive recreational experience that benefits both the individuals involved in OHV activities, the community, local economy and environment as a whole.</p> <p>The Bakersfield Field Office OHV enforcement program focuses on OHV activities on designated routes and trails across the Field Office, as provide for in the 1997 Caliente Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the 1984 Hollister RMP for lands that have since been adjusted into the Bakersfield administrative area. The Field Office manages a total of approximately 609,268 acres; this includes approximately 246,852 acres managed as the Carrizo National Monument. Of the total acreage, 257,437 acres are available to "limited" use of OHVs. These available areas include: Keyesville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), several areas of OHV activity on existing trails south of Lake Isabella reservoir, a large tract of dispersed OHV activities west of the City of Taft and several small areas of activity on isolated parcel of public land around local communities. The Bakersfield Office Law Enforcement Officers also provides OHV related support to neighboring field offices, the United States Forest Service and the Counties that fall within the administrative boundary.</p> <p>Additional funding would allow Bakersfield's OHV enforcement program to maintain equipment, dedicate additional work months for Rangers to address OHV enforcement needs, and cover some of the operational costs of the program.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers	80.000	404.490	DAY	8,080.00	24,279.00	32,359.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	100.000	449.420	DAY	13,470.00	31,472.00	44,942.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	100.000	305.550	DAY	9,030.00	21,525.00	30,555.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Outdoor Recreation Planner Notes : GS9 ORP - Law Enforcement support, scheduling etc.	20.000	301.200	DAY	0.00	6,024.00	6,024.00
	Supervisor	5.000	488.000	DAY	0.00	2,440.00	2,440.00
	Park Ranger Notes : Seasonal GS7 - Temblor OHV Patrol	100.000	201.200	DAY	20,120.00	0.00	20,120.00
	Total for Staff				50,700.00	85,740.00	136,440.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : BLM LE Patrol Vehicle mileage (GSA rate \$0.58/mile).	4000.000	0.580	MI	580.00	1,740.00	2,320.00
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	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Off-Road Motorcycle - Fuel, Maintenance & Repair	1.000	1000.000	MISC	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : ATV - Fuel, Maintenance & Repair	1.000	1000.000	MISC	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Temblor OHV Patrol Vehicle (Seasonal)	5000.000	0.580	MI	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				5,640.00	7,380.00	13,020.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Radar Unit Notes : Decatur Genesis 2 Select Directional Police Radar In-car	2.000	2000.000	EA	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00

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	Moving Traffic Safety Radar System. Specifically to address speed issues within OHV staging areas and campsites, where terrain doesn't allow effective pacing of vehicles.						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Program Administration	1.000	5000.000	MISC	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Program Expenses					60,340.00	98,120.00	158,460.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					60,340.00	98,120.00	158,460.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					60,340.00	98,120.00	158,460.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	50,700.00	85,740.00	136,440.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	5,640.00	7,380.00	13,020.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		60,340.00	98,120.00	158,460.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment